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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. EXPORT CONTROL CDC CASES. FOLLOWING FOR SANDERS AND BURGESS FROM HANDLEY. AS AN ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP TO BUCHAREST 4726 EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, ACCORDING TO "OFF THE RECORD" CONVERSATION WITH BOB SPRUEL, APPROVAL OF CASE NUMBER 232120 IS "DOUBTFUL." APPARENTLY SEVERAL RECENT APPLICATIONS TO SELL 60 MEGABYTE DRIVES IN EASTERN EUROPE HAVE BEEN DENIED OR RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION BECAUSE DEFENSE COULD NOT BE BUDGED. ACCORDING TO SPRUEL, DEFENSE HAS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO APPROVAL OF THIS CASE DESPITE COMMERCE RECOMMENDATION TO DOWNGRADE CDC REQUEST. AT BEST APPROVAL WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE A LONG, DRAWN OUT DEBATE.

2. SASHA BARNES VISIT. WE'VE CHECKED WITH HARRY AND SASHA ON THIS SUBJECT. ALL ARE AGREEABLE TO THE HAKKANENS' PRO-
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POSAL. WE SUGGEST THAT SASHA RETURN ONE WEEK LATER, ON SEPTEMBER 9. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT IS AGREEABLE ON YOUR END.

3. AS WE INDICATED BY PHONE, COMMERCE AND STATE HAVE DECIDED THAT BURGESS CAN STAY UNTIL AUGUST 10. MEANWHILE, BRAGDON WILL BE ARRIVING IN BUCHAREST BY THE BEGINNING OF

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AUGUST. THERE IS STILL DEBATE HERE AS TO WHETHER IT IS A GOOD THING TO SEND ANYONE TO THE POST WITHOUT LANGUAGE TRAINING. SOME DOUBT YOUR (OR ANY POST'S) WILLINGNESS TO PUT A PERSON THROUGH THE TWO TO FOUR HOURS OF DAILY LANGUAGE LESSONS REQUIRED SO HE/SHE CAN TALK, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CRISES OR VISITORS TO UPSET THE SCHEDULE. BUT NO PRINCIPLED DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED. MAYBE TOMORROW. CHRISTOPHER

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